

Interim Hearings – Week of February 5

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February 6

House Committee on [County Affairs](#) (Houston)

Charge: Emergency response activities, impact of natural disasters on county finances

- [Vulnerable Communities are Using Innovative Financing to Prepare for Natural Disasters: Spending on Mitigation Now Will Save Lives and Taxpayer Dollars](#), The Pew Charitable Trusts, Updated March 28, 2017
- [Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments](#), U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, February 2017
- [Managing Disasters at the County Level: A Focus on Flooding](#), National Association of Counties, February 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 1 – Prevention and mitigation of natural disasters), House Committee on County Affairs, January 2017
- ["The Role of Local Government in Emergency Management: A Discussion Addressing Financial Planning," PA Times Online](#) (American Society for Public Administration), February 12, 2016
- [Texas Government Code §§ 418.101-418.1102](#), Local and Interjurisdictional Emergency Management

Charge: County ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas

- ["Texas' Biggest County Bolsters Flood Rules. Will Houston?," E&E News](#) (Environment & Energy News), December 6, 2017
- [Floodplain Management & Watershed Protection Order](#), Commissioners' Court of Aransas County, Texas, February 17, 2016
- [Floodplain Management in Texas: Quick Guide](#), Texas Floodplain Management Association, 2015
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 1 – County rulemaking authority), House Committee on County Affairs, January 2011
- [Texas Local Government Code § 240.901](#), Land Use Regulation for Flood Control in Coastal Counties
- [Texas Local Government Code § 561.001](#), Flood Control Property, Condemnation

Implementation of [SB 1849](#), 85th Legislature, R. S., the Sandra Bland Act

- ["Senate Bill 1849: Breaking Down the Sandra Bland Act – 85th Legislature," Texas County Progress](#), December 3, 2017
- [TA Memo – SB 1849 Letter for Grant Funding](#) (Technical Assistance Memorandum to sheriffs and jail administrators), Texas Commission on Jail Standards, November 10, 2017
- [TA Memo – SB 1849 / Sandra Bland Act](#) (Technical Assistance Memorandum to sheriffs), Texas Commission on Jail Standards, July 24, 2017
- [Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 16.22-16.23](#), Early Identification of Defendant Suspected of Having Mental Illness or Intellectual Disability; Diversion of Persons Suffering Mental Health Crisis or Substance Abuse Issue
- [Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.032](#), Release on Personal Bond of Certain Defendants with Mental Illness or Intellectual Disability
- [Flow Chart Describing Article 16.22 and Article 17.032 Requirements](#), Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Tour of areas affected by Hurricane Harvey at the University of Houston-Downtown

February 7

House Committee on [Transportation](#)

Charge: Response to Hurricane Harvey and natural disaster preparedness with respect to the transportation system and transportation infrastructure

- [DriveTexas.org Proves To Be An Invaluable Resource for Texas Travelers During Hurricane Harvey](#), Texas Department of Transportation, September 13, 2017
- [Governor Abbott Announces \\$25 Million in Federal Funds for TxDOT to Address Disastrous Impacts from Hurricane Harvey](#) (Press Release), Office of the Texas Governor, August 29, 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 1 – TxDOT's role in natural disasters), House Committee on Transportation, January 2017
- [Emergency Relief Manual: Reference Manual for States & Transit Agencies on Response and Recovery from Declared Disasters and FTA's Emergency Relief Program \(49 U.S.C. 5324\)](#), Federal Transit Administration, September 30, 2015
- [Texas Long-Term Recovery Guide](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management, April 2015

Charge: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature, specifically implementation of the TxDOT Sunset legislation and related management actions

- *Sunset Review Documents for 2016-2017 Review Cycle, 85th Legislative Session, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)*, Sunset Advisory Commission, 2017
- *85th Legislature 2017: Summary of Enacted Legislation* (Changes adopted by Sunset Commission), Texas Department of Transportation, 2017

Senate Committee on **Veteran Affairs and Border Security** (San Antonio)

Charge: Military installations

- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Topic 1 – Maintaining the military value of defense communities and installations), House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs, December 2016
- *Preparing for Duty: State Policy Options to Sustain Military Installations*, National Conference of State Legislatures, December 2016
- *Report and Recommendations to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 5 – Best practices for improving military value at military installations in Texas), Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, November 2016
- "Military Installations Worth Billions for Texas: Comptroller Study Weighs Economic Impacts," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, September 2016
- *Texas Military Preparedness Commission*, Office of the Governor (includes 2015 fact sheet on history and economic impact)
- *San Antonio Military Economic Impact Study* (includes Texas Military Economic Impact of installations across the state), City of San Antonio, 2015

Charge: Military youth readiness

- *2017 Citizen-Readiness Index* (Infographic) and *Methodology*, Mission: Ready, Council for a Strong America, December 18, 2017
- "Improving Military Readiness Through Physical Activity," *Parks & Recreation Magazine*, National Recreation and Park Association, November 2017
- *The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America*, Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, August 2017
- *Unfit to Serve: Obesity Is Impacting National Security* (Fact Sheet), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 2017
- *Too Fat, Frail, and Out-of-Breath to Fight* (Texas physical activity report, including county data on physical activity and obesity), Mission: Readiness, 2015

House Committee on **Transportation**

Charge: Oversize/overweight permitting system

- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 7 – Oversize/overweight corridors and permitting), House Committee on Transportation, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Oversize/overweight vehicles, summary of oversize/overweight permits offered), Senate Committee on Transportation, November 2016
- *Transportation Safety: Federal Highway Administration Should Conduct Research to Determine Best Practices in Permitting Oversize Vehicles, Results of Collection of Information on State Permitting Practices for Oversize Vehicles* (E-Supplement including data on permit processes for oversize and overweight vehicles in the 50 states and the District of Columbia), U.S. Government Accountability Office, February 2015
- *Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Research Priorities: Final Report*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, October 2014
- *Accommodating Oversize and Overweight Loads: Technical Report*, Texas Transportation Institute, July 2012
- *Oversize/Overweight Permits, Publications*, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
- *Freight*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Transportation Policy Research Center

Charge: Emerging issues in transportation related to technology – intelligent transportation systems, autonomous vehicles, unmanned aircraft systems (i.e., drones)

- *Autonomous Vehicles Legislative Database*, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 23, 2018
- *Current Unmanned Aircraft State Law Landscape*, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 16, 2018
- *Autonomous Vehicles | Self-Driving Vehicles Enacted Legislation*, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 2, 2018
- *"ITS Is Changing the World"* (Intelligent Transportation Systems), *Public Roads*, Federal Highway Administration, July/August 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 8 – Innovative transportation technologies/autonomous vehicles), House Committee on Transportation, January 2017
- *Autonomous Vehicle Status* (Testimony to House Committee on Transportation), Ginger Goodin, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, December 7, 2016
- *Taking Off: State Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policies*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 22, 2016
- *Automated Vehicles: Policy Implications Scoping Study*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, January 2014
- *Technology*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Transportation Policy Research Center